

**JUDICIAL ACTIVISM VS. DEMOCRACY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine national implications of the Massachusetts Goodridge decision and the judicial invalidation of traditional marriage laws, after receiving testimony from Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning, Lincoln; Richard Richardson, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Black Ministerial Al-

liance of Greater Boston; Daniel de Leon, Sr., Templo Calvario, Santa Ana, California, on behalf of Asociacion Evangelica de Ministerios Nacionales (AMEN); Hilary Shelton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Chuck Muth, Citizen Outreach, both of Washington D.C.; R. Lea Brilmayer, Yale University School of Law, New Haven, Connecticut; and Maggie Gallagher, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, New York, New York.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3879–3889; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 550, were introduced. **Page H830**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H830–31**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shaw to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H755**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Urging the introduction of a resolution calling upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China:* Debated on Tuesday, March 2, H. Res. 530, amended, urging the appropriate representative of the United States to the 60th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to introduce a resolution calling upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 34; **Page H787**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: resolution urging the appropriate representative of the United States to the 60th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to introduce a resolution calling upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China. **Page H787**

*Charles 'Pete' Conrad Astronomy Awards Act:* H.R. 912, amended, to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles "Pete" Conrad, astronaut and space scientist, for recognizing the discoveries made by amateur astronomers of asteroids with near-Earth orbit trajec-

tories, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 1 nays, Roll No. 35; **Pages H757–59, H787–88**

*Amending the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980:* H.R. 3389, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 36; and **Pages H759–62, H788–89**

*Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2003:* H.R. 1417, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to replace copyright arbitration royalty panels with a Copyright Royalty Judge, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 37. **Pages H762–72, H789**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend title 17, United States Code, to replace copyright arbitration royalty panels with Copyright Royalty Judges. **Page H789**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measures to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, March 4.

*Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary:* H. Res. 412, honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary; and **Pages H772–78**

*Supporting the goals of Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance:* H. Res. 56, supporting the goals of the Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the restriction, exclusion, and

internment of individuals and families during World War II. **Pages H778–84**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:33 p.m. **Page H785**

**National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States:** By unanimous consent the House passed S. 2136, to extend the final report date and termination date of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, to provide additional funding for the Commission—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H785**

**Rule for Consideration of Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004:** The House agreed to H. Res. 546, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3752, to promote the development of the emerging commercial human space flight industry, to extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, by a voice vote. **Pages H785–86**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:32 p.m. and reconvened at 4:08 p.m. **Pages H789–90**

**United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003—Order of Business:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the amendment placed at the desk be considered as the amendment printed in H. Rept. 108–431 and numbered 1. **Page H790**

**United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003:** The House passed H.R. 1561, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patent fees, by a yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 28 nays, Roll No. 38. **Pages H793–S804**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H799**

Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner amendment that creates a “refund” program to eliminate the potential for diverting PTO revenue to non-PTO revenue programs and sets other regulations on patent searches (agreed to by voice vote). **Pages H801–03**

H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H790–93**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 4. **Page H804**

**Presidential Message:** Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on Inter-

national Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–168). **Page H784**

**Senate Message:** Message from the Senate appears today on page H755.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2136 was held at the desk.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H831.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls. **Pages H787, H787–88, H788–89, H789, H803**

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Approved Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FHA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; Joyce N. Fleischman, Deputy Inspector General; Robert W. Young, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Jon E. Novak, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Investigations; Delmas R. Thornsbury, Director, Resources Management Division; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

### INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on P–16 Education Systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.